Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 23, with the following redlined paragraph:

In step 110, the fuel cell system 10 adjusts the partial pressure of fuel flow to the fuel cell stack 14 to maintain the desired battery charge. For example, the actuator 30 may adjust the partial pressure of hydrogen flow via one or more valves 18. Alternatively, the actuator 30 may adjust the speed of one or more compressors (not shown). In step 112, the fuel cell system 10 adjusts the partial pressure of oxidant flow (*e.g.*, the partial pressure of oxygen in air) to the fuel cell stack to maintain the desired battery charge. Again, the fuel cell system 10 may employ one or more values 18 and/or one or more compressors (not shown) to adjust the oxidant partial pressure. The controller 28 may attempt to maintain the appropriate stoichiometric relationship between the fuel and oxidant.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 15, with the following redlined paragraph:

Although specific embodiments of and examples for the fuel cell system and method are described herein for illustrative purposes, various equivalent modifications can be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention, as will be recognized by those skilled in the relevant art. For example, the teachings provided herein can be applied to fuel cell systems including other types of fuel cell stacks or fuel cell assemblies, not necessarily the polymer exchange membrane fuel cell assembly generally described above. The fuel cell system can employ various other approaches and elements for adjusting reactant partial pressures. The various embodiments described above can be combined to provide further embodiments. Commonly assigned U.S. patent application serial No. ~~09/_____~~, 10/017,462, entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MULTIPLE MODE CONTROL OF VOLTAGE FROM A FUEL CELL SYSTEM" ~~(Attorney Docket No. 130109.442)~~; and U.S. patent application Serial No. ~~09/_____~~, 10/017,461, entitled "FUEL CELL SYSTEM MULTIPLE STAGE VOLTAGE CONTROL METHOD AND APPARATUS" ~~(Attorney Docket No. 130109.446)~~, both filed ~~concurrently with this application~~ December 14, 2001, are

incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. Aspects of the invention can be modified, if necessary, to employ systems, circuits and concepts of the various patents, applications and publications to provide yet further embodiments of the invention.